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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
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Cheyenne, Wyoming  
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Honorable Dean Acheson  
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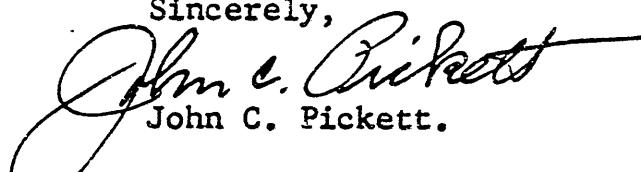
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Mrs. Pickett and I have agreed that the evening we spent with you and Mrs. Acheson was extremely enjoyable and one that we shall not soon forget. We hope that sometime not too far away you will be able to make a trip to Wyoming. We know that you are wedded to the east, but we are also satisfied that you would enjoy our wide open spaces and some of our incomparable scenery.

Lura joins me in sending our very best regards to you and Mrs. Acheson and we both hope that you will again be able to serve your country in the serious diplomatic problems that will confront us in the immediate future.

Sincerely,

  
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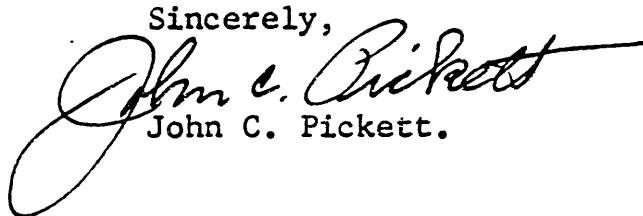
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October 26, 1962

Dear Judge:

James Reston is an extremely able and knowledgeable man, but he doesn't know everything; and, from what you tell me of his article, it appears to be quite wrong. I have not seen it because I was sent to Europe on Sunday and only returned yesterday. When I see you, I shall be glad to tell you the story of the crisis as it developed and give you the annals of my Odyssey. But for the present, in what may be a quickly changing situation, I think discretion is called for.

We had a delightful evening with you and Mrs. Pickett, and hope that it will not be too long before we can all be together again.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable  
John C. Pickett,  
Circuit Judge,  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Tenth Circuit,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.